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News Notes

Fishing derby at Barney's Lake

The 14th annual Kids Fishing Derby will be held Saturday at Barney's Lake.

Children 15 years old and younger are eligible. The event is divided into four age categories. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the derby takes place from 8-11 a.m., after which there will be a trophy presentation.

The lake will reopen at 11:30 a.m. for public fishing. You must have a Pennsylvania fishing license, trout stamp and a Barney's Lake fishing permit. Permits will be sold at the lake the day of the event. Limit three fish per person per day. For details, call Jackie Vass, 570-615-7584.

Deployment info available

The next Deployment Information Fairs will be held Tuesday in the Keystone Room. Sessions will be available to first, second and third shift employees. The third shift session is scheduled for 7:15 a.m., first shift at 8:30 a.m. and third shift at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Melanie Kane, X58364.

ACS plans career day

The Employment Readiness Program (ERP) will host the 2010 Career Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at The Landing. The event is open to active duty personnel, Reserve Component military personnel, retired military personnel, veterans, federal employees as well as family members. Anyone who doesn't have a military or federal identification card must register by calling the ERP office, 570-615-8887.

Credit union installs new ATM

There is a new Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union ATM near Building 20. The machine is accessible from the main parking lot.

Weight Watchers Starts session

Weight Watchers 10-week 'At Work'

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Felicia Wolverton, electronics worker, and Ray Silveri, electronics mechanic, inventory a wiring harness component of the first of two Marine Corps AN/TPQ-46 Firefinder radars to arrive for Reset. Both work in the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate's Counterfire Division. Tobyhanna will repair several of the systems into fiscal year 2011. (Photo by Steve Grzezdinski)

Marine Corps Firefinder mission begins

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Tobyhanna Army Depot has begun a new mission — Reset of Marine Corps AN/TPQ-46 Firefinder radars.

The radars are similar to the Army's AN/TPQ-36 Firefinders, with only minor differences.

"They have different GPS (Global Positioning Systems), for example," says Frank Balish, mechanical engineer. "Other differences are very minor. They are essentially the same system." Balish works in the Production Engineering Directorate's C4ISR Maintenance Engineering Division.

The TPQ-46, like the TPQ-36, is towed by a Humvee and performs the same mission: detecting and back plotting enemy artillery, mortar and rocket rounds to locate the source. The U.S. military has been using Firefinder since the 1980s.

Tobyhanna has been repairing and testing the TPQ-36 and 37 since 2002 and is now working on the first two Marine Corps Firefinders.

The mission was transferred from Maintenance Center Barstow, Calif., to Tobyhanna Army Depot due to Base Realignment and Closure decisions made in 2005.

"The biggest difference between what we do for the 36 and the

46 is that for the 36 we refurbish the ATG (Antenna Transmitter Group) and the shelter and Humvee," Balish said. "For the 46, we will be working on the complete system, consisting of the ATG and shelter/Humvee, plus generator trailers, equipment trailers and other system-related Humvees."

Technicians in the Counterfire Division (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate), will repair and test the ATG and shelter electronics, said Tim Higgins, chief of the Production Management Directorate's Counterfire Branch.

The Systems Integration and Support Directorate will reintegrate trailers and Humvees that will be repaired at Letterkenny Army Depot.

"This mission will follow the same standard for the AN/TPQ-36 Reset process, which was a recipient of the Shingo Gold Prize for Lean manufacturing in 2007," said Joseph Raymer, electronics engineer in the Production Engineering Directorate's C4ISR Maintenance Engineering Division.

Each system costs about \$950,000 and the depot will receive more systems for fiscal year 2011, said Amy Ciprian, logistics management specialist, Counterfire Branch.

Once the systems are repaired and tested, each will be tested again for Marine Corps representatives here, then shipped back to its respective Marine Corps unit.

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performance

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reliable service

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Tobyhanna: A special place in chaplain’s life journey

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
by Chaplain (Maj.) Tammie Crews

I am leaving Tobyhanna and deploying to Southwest Asia.

It is hard to believe that just over two years have passed since I first arrived here just in time to participate in Retiree Appreciation Day. I have been very blessed by the many people I have come to know and love both at the depot and the chapel. From the first day, you’ve made me feel welcome and part of Team Tobyhanna.



For myself, I find it easy to go to a new place, but infinitely harder to leave the many people with whom I have been privileged to share a small piece of the journey. Bonds of friendship develop by simply sharing day-to-day events — sometimes laughing together and sometimes crying. I must say that each encounter has deeply enriched my life.

As a chaplain, I believe that to be invited into the inner sanctuary of a person’s life is a sacred trust that is little known in other professions. Being a chaplain in the community is about living out a vocation that is far more than just doing a job; it is about living out a particular call to a journey of discovery and grace; it is about challenging others to listen for that small voice that sustains us through difficult times as well as through the good times.

Before I came into the Army, I was a civilian clergy person for 14 years in England. I loved being in England and what I was doing there. One day as I was reading through my denominational magazine, I saw an advertisement for military chaplains. I knew nothing about the military; I

did not even know that the military had chaplains. But, I was interested, and I made a phone call.

The endorser on the other end of the phone line said, “Great. We need female chaplains and the Army is the easiest branch of service to enter. So, we are signing you up.”

Honestly, it was just that simple. About that time the Gulf War had just begun, so I held onto the paperwork to see what might happen. Eventually, I turned the paperwork in and was accepted first in the Reserves working with the active component and then went on active duty. So, here we are today. At the time, I wasn’t aware of the impact of choosing the Army over any of the other branches of service, but in the providence of God it was the right place for me.

I felt for a long time that the people in my civilian parish had another life that was separate from the church and the church was a small part of their lives. For me, as the minister, the church was rather the sum total of my life, which left a void or an unanswered need. When I began to understand a little more about the Army Chaplaincy, I found the answer to that void because I am involved in the day-to-day lives of the people I serve. I have two congregations; those who never attend the chapel and those who do. For all, I am the chaplain and that is such an exciting journey for me — a journey that I could never have imagined for myself.

The work here among the civilian work force has been tremendously valuable and rewarding. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your chaplain, not just as title, but as a testimony of lives shared and enriched. I hope that since Tobyhanna stretches literally around the world, I will always be in contact with the depot wherever I am in the Army. The depot is a very special place for me because of who you are. Thank you.



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WORD ON THE STREET

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE OF A COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN KEY PERSON?



“I think it’s important to carry the CFC message to employees and make it easy for them to participate. The collective efforts of all volunteers makes a big impact. The depot’s support of CFC is outstanding.”

Donald Sharpe
Public Works Directorate



“Make certain everyone knows, no matter how much or how little you give, every dollar matters. If it is \$1 per week or per pay, or a \$10 one-time donation, it all helps someone.”

Patricia Babkowski
Industrial Risk Management Directorate



“It’s important to educate the branch on what CFC really means and the wonderful opportunity this is to help those less fortunate. I starting working with CFC in 2003 and plan to support the campaign as long as I work at the depot.”

Michael Lombardo
Production Management Directorate



“I believe most people fail to realize the importance of giving back to their community. Knowledge gained through education better equips us to respond to those in need. We’ve all witnessed devastation in our country and people getting involved to rebuild not just buildings, but lives. Alone any one of us can do great things, but together we can do anything.”

Rose Brown
Systems Integration and Support Directorate



“My most important role as a CFC key person is to be able to interact with our CFC Campaign Committee Representatives on a daily basis for the greatness of our cause. We can touch the hearts of so many people here and abroad.”

Ray Ragnacci
Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate



“I have been doing this for a very long time and enjoy giving everyone the information they need. People need to know how CFC works in our communities and that donations can be made with little impact to their wallets.”

Leonela Burger
C3/Avionics Directorate

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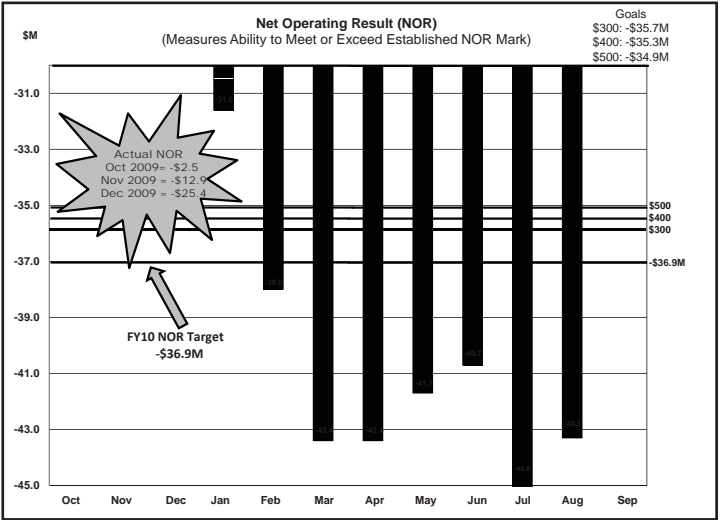
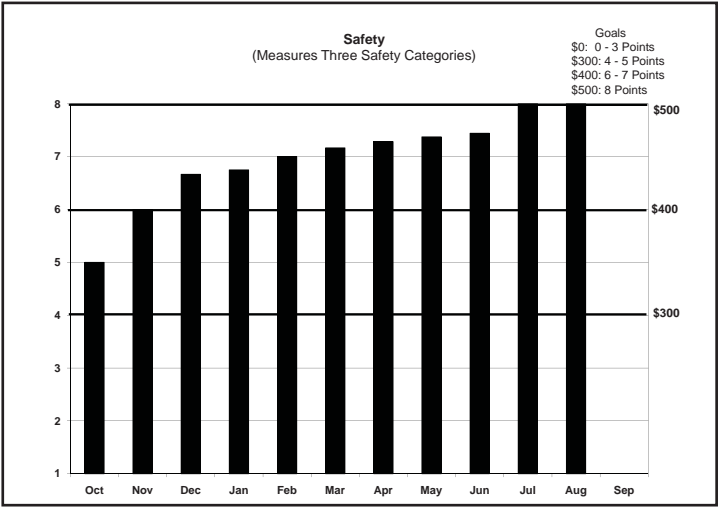
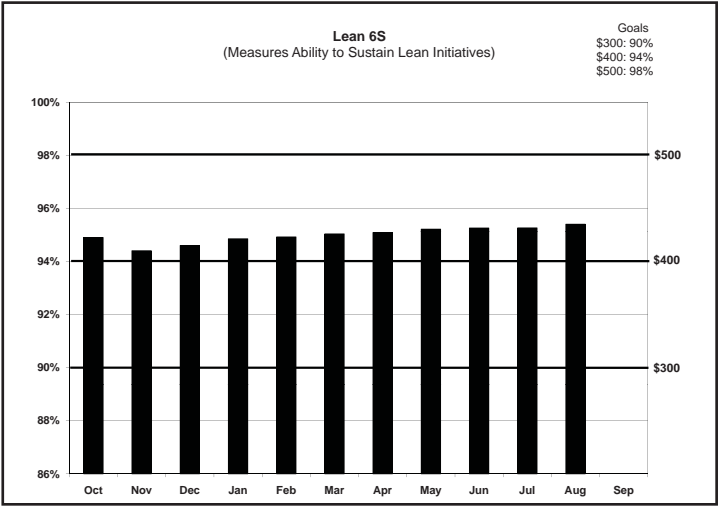
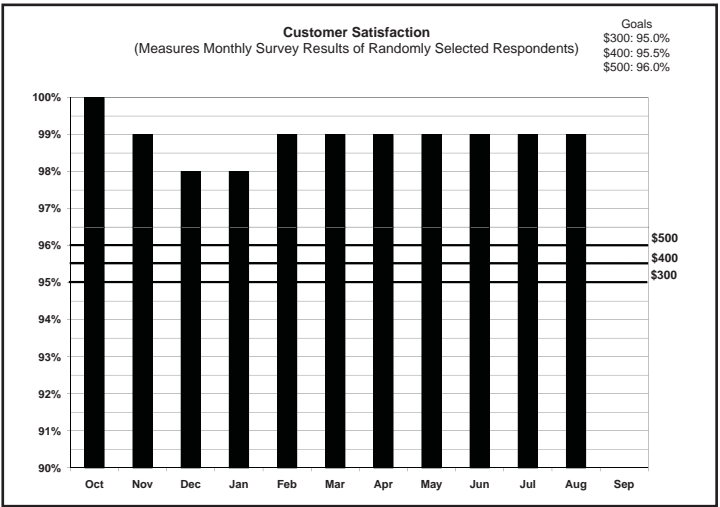


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DEPOT PERFORMANCE IN KEY AREAS

Based on August data, the current projected payout is \$1,400. The employee payout award is based on performance in four areas rather than just the depot's financial performance as defined by the annual Net Operating Result (NOR). The amounts depicted in the charts represent a "projected payout" based on the depot standing against the stretch goals. Each of the four metrics has a payout potential of \$500 for a potential maximum payout of \$2,000. The final award amount will be determined by the cumulative status in each of the four areas at the end of the fiscal year. Monthly updates will be published in the *Tobyhanna Reporter*.



Flag casing ceremony marks transition of command

by Debbie Sheehan
Fort Monmouth Public Affairs

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J. — Roaring cannons, an Army band, a pigeon release and a symbolic helicopter flyover were all part of the "casing of the CECOM colors" ceremony on Greely Field here.

Friday's ceremony marked the official move of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command from Fort Monmouth to its new headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in accordance with 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law.

The ceremony was presided over by Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commanding general of CECOM and Fort Monmouth; Edward Thomas, deputy to the commanding general; and CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson. Several former commanding generals and past program executive officers who served here were also in attendance as guests of honor.

A flag-casing ceremony is a time-honored military tradition symbolizing the movement of a unit.

Before the CECOM flag was sheathed and placed in a case for transport, there were honors to the commanding general, including the



Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong completes the sheathing of the CECOM flag as Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson and the Fort Monmouth color guard look on. After being sheathed, the flag was placed in a case for transport to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. (Photo by Angela Squicciarini)

participation of the U.S. Military Academy Band who performed ruffles and flourishes before the 13-gun salute.

Capt. Steven Raveia, commander of Headquarters Command here, presented Strong with a canister signifying the final round in the last honors given to a commanding general on Fort Monmouth. The canister will be transported and displayed at the new headquarters at APG.

A lengthy history of the fort was read by the ceremony narrator, covering the technological past

of the installation from Fort Monmouth's inception to the present. Accompanying the reading, military re-enactors in period uniforms made appearances on the field, carrying field radios and other communications-electronics gear from each era since World War I.

There was also a 21-pigeon release commemorating Army homing pigeons, who were trained here and who served the armed forces as messenger birds in World Wars I and II and in Korea,

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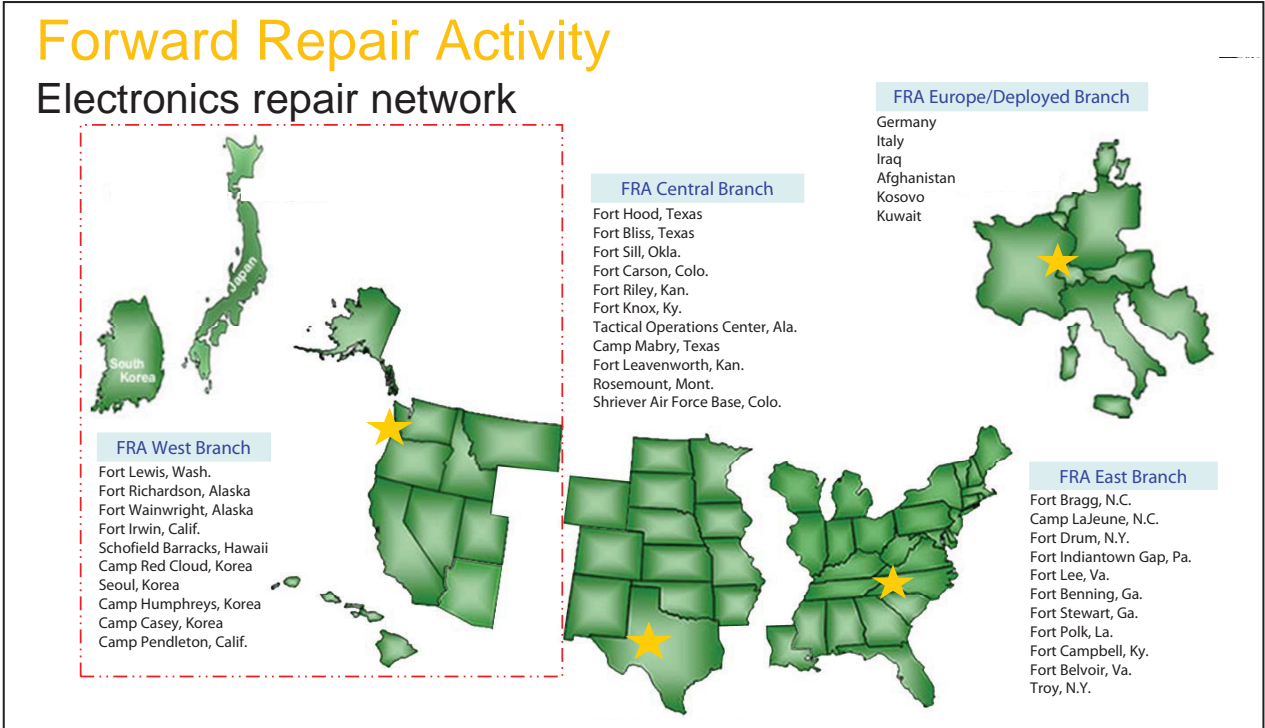


Depot exercise tests skills

Tatiana Black, DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, acting as a role player in a test exercise, directs Tobyhanna Security to where a suspicious person may be hiding. Tobyhanna Army Depot held a Force Protection Exercise from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 involving a series of simulated threats and attack scenarios. The exercise tested emergency plans and the capabilities of Security and Fire and Emergency Medical Service personnel to respond to the following simulated events: an improvised explosive device at a key depot facility, terrorist attack resulting in a chlorine spill, an active shooter attack affecting DLA personnel, and a computer network attack prompting relocation of critical command and control operations. The mass notification procedures and equipment were also tested, including the Telephone Alerting System and Giant Voice Speakers. Joe Cassone of the Risk Management Directorate said the exercise was a team-building experience for all involved. He noted it resulted in a productive after action meeting in which depot leadership, key players and exercise evaluators identified strengths and areas for improvement in preparing for likely threats to the depot. (Photo by Jeff Finlay, DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania)



Ricky Romine, equipment specialist, repairs a Command Post Platform at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.



Warfighter depends on reliability of FRA-repaired equipment

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

“Having been in a war zone, I know the value of having equipment that is dependable,” said Mark Schermerhorn. “Lives depend on the product we put out, and there is no better gauge of how vital our work is than that.”

Myriad skills and years of experience are the hallmarks of the men and women who repair military equipment at Forward Repair Activity (FRA) locations around the world. Known as equipment specialists, they’ve built a reputation on fast, reliable service to meet the needs of the warfighter.

Tobyhanna’s FRA West Branch directs nearly 100 employees based at several military installations on the west coast, and in Hawaii, Alaska, Korea and Japan. As part of a network of electronics repair, these specialists support systems such as Standard Army Management Information Systems (STAMIS), Command Post Systems & Integration (CPS&I) equipment, Air Defense/Air Space Management (ADAM) Cell, Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT), and Common Ground Station (CGS).

The branch boasts regional support managers, field support representatives (FSR), equipment specialists and computer repair experts.

“When I got my first taste of the FRA, I thought this is a business model of forward thinking,” said Gean Bechthold, branch chief. “That’s why we’re successful. We meet the customer’s needs at the customer’s level and on the customer’s turf.”

The West branch has many purposes, but its main purpose is to serve the Soldier.

To do that, employees at each location support materiel fielding, sustainment and Reset missions. In addition, there are shops set up in Washington, Korea and Hawaii to repair STAMIS equipment for units serving within the branch’s five time zones. There’s even an FSR stationed at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. He repairs broken equipment and provides general support to units there for training, noted Bechthold.

“Our mission in Korea has grown considerably in the last two years,” Bechthold said, adding that the depot is also working toward having a permanent presence in Japan.

The fielding team delivers equipment from the manufacturer to the Soldier. In addition to ensuring everything works properly, employees coordinate all the new equipment training. The team also boasts two field engineers who perform software and configuration training.

“Team members travel the globe putting vital equipment into the hands of the warfighter,” Bechthold said. “Right now we’re working with CPS&I equipment, but they’re

capable of working with many pieces of equipment a Soldier might need.”

The Sustainment Team consists of field service representatives who deploy with units to help them maintain their equipment. They also assist in areas where there isn’t an FSR assigned. Over-the-shoulder training is provided to maintain operational readiness as Soldiers rotate in and out of a unit, Bechthold added.

The Reset Team takes over when the equipment — banged and battered — is returned from war. The team is charged with repairing and returning the items to Soldiers in battle-ready condition, but with “dedication and skill” the equipment is retuned in as like-new condition as possible, Bechthold said. Workers specialize in electronics repair, heating and air conditioning, diesel mechanics, electrical and sheet metal.

“We have people who work in the sheet metal shop who can turn twisted metal into a product that looks like new,” Schermerhorn said. “There are mechanics that can inspect, analyze and repair generators in a matter of days, and others who can clean, patch and replace broken struts on tents.” Schermerhorn is a logistics management specialist at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Aden Tait believes the work performed by the FRA is “absolutely vital” to the warfighter.

“Not only do we provide a more timely response and repair time, but we also ensure the equipment will work the first time every time, quite possibly saving lives,” said the Washington-based production controller.

For six years, Phillip Dorousseu and Ricky Romine have worked for Tobyhanna in Alaska. Both have deployed to Southwest Asia with their units.

Dorousseu supports CPS&I systems at Fort Richardson, near Anchorage. As an FSR he’s deployed to Iraq three times and once to Afghanistan with the 4-25th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (BCT) and 3-2nd Stryker BCT.

Further north near Fairbanks, FSRs Romine, Greg Carmouche and Lacy Ulrich support the ADAM Cell and CPS&I systems at Fort Wainwright. Carmouche provides statewide assistance for all ADAM cell issues while Ulrich and Romine deal with CPS&I challenges for the 1-25th Stryker BCT and 16th Combat Aviation Brigade. Romine has deployed three times to Iraq with the 1-25th.

Within the last year, work orders for Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, have more than doubled, according to Henry Pedrina, equipment specialist.

He explained the organization’s primary charter is to repair STAMIS equipment, although Tactical Battle Command and Medical Command, Control, Computers and Communications equipment were added recently.



Edwin DeJesus, equipment specialist, inspects a new generator set before installing it in a Command Post Platform at Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

The caliber of people who work in the FRA is among the best in the C4ISR community, according to James Lords. Lords supports Brigade Combat Teams at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and is considered a subject-matter expert for the ADAM Cell and its subsystems.

“We support all Pacific area units to include National Guard and Reserves,” Lords said. “This job is as challenging as it is rewarding.”

Work-related challenges help Equipment Specialist Elizabeth McDougall hone skills that enable her to help Soldiers perform their job to a higher standard.

“I learn something new every day,” she said. “Be it hardware or software, things are always changing and improving. I enjoy being a part of that.” McDougall is a former Soldier working for Tobyhanna at Schofield Barracks.

Tobyhanna’s network of electronics repair stretches around the globe to more than 50 FRA locations. Seventy-five percent of that workload is performed by hundreds of Command, Control and Computers (C3)/Avionics Directorate employees assigned to the FRA Division’s four branches.

FRAs can operate from the frontlines or a unit’s home station. Charged with the same overall mission as C3/Avionics—repairing and overhauling electronics equipment—they are located in 18 states and several locations in Europe and Southwest Asia.

(Editor’s Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles scheduled to appear in the *Tobyhanna Reporter* detailing the C3/Avionics Directorate’s extensive FRA mission. The articles will focus on the people and workload that supports America’s military.

EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS

AROUND THE DEPOT



Firefinder AN/TPQ-37 Systems Branch
Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate

Branch personnel support the warfighter by overhauling, repairing, modifying, testing and installing the Firefinder radar. The “big brother” to the AN/TPQ-36, this radar automatically detects enemy long range mortars, artillery and rocket launchers and directs fast, accurate counter-fire— it is in use by nations worldwide. In addition, employees support the Firefinder mission at a Forward Repair Activity and several stateside and overseas locations.

Left, Robert Clemens, electronics mechanic, installs a rigid coaxial cable into the receiver/exciter on a Firefinder AN/TPQ-37. Right, John Hessling, electronics mechanic, checks the Reliability, Maintainability and Improvement (RMI) wiring modification. (Photos by Tony Medici)



Electronics Mechanics Luis Taschler, right, and Phil Fielding and make repairs to a Firefinder radar. Taschler installs a receiver protector while Fielding gets ready to install a circulation fan.



Phil Fielding, electronics mechanic, prepares to install a circulation fan.



Dan Pule, electronics mechanic, secures a tie down bracket on the RMI transmitter.



Joe Brungard, electronics mechanic, re-attaches a flex waveguide to an AN/TPQ-37.



Ron Feist, sheet metal mechanic, secures a data connector on the antenna

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor’s Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@us.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section. Voluntary submission of items constitutes individual’s consent to publish personal information in all versions of the *Tobyhanna Reporter*. Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer’s responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

Dallas, Shavertown, Luzerne, Wilkes-Barre: opening, van, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., call Ralph Szalkowski, X59559 or Roy Fulkersin, X57230.

Wilkes-Barre: opening, 5/4/9, first shift, runs both Fridays, nonsmoking, meets at Schiel’s Market on George Avenue in the Parsons section, contact Lou Roberts, X57705.

Mt. Cobb: 1 opening, 5/4/9, runs both Fridays, nonsmoking, “A” placard, leaves Mt. Cobb park and ride, contact Pete Pypiak, X58537, peter.pypiak@us.army.mil.

West Scranton: new van, 7-passenger, “A” placard, 5/4/9, first shift, nonsmoking, people interested in joining can call Shelly, X57581.

South Scranton: 2 openings, first shift, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., nonsmoking, call June, X56340.

West Scranton: 1 opening, van, first shift, 5/4/9, 2nd Friday RDO, nonsmoking, call Bob Jones, X58140.

Tobyhanna: 4 openings, first shift, runs both Fridays, contact Sharon Streeter, X55995 or Sharon.streeter@us.army.mil.

Valley View, Mid-Valley area: 2 openings, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift, call Yvette, X56992 or Kevin, X59415.

New Jersey: looking for employee/contractor to carpool, or start a van, from New Jersey, travel route is Route 80 westbound, call Robin, X57345.



TRADING POST

Vehicle: 2000 Pontiac Bonneville SSEI, fully loaded, 2 new tires, only 75,750 miles, asking \$5,500, great condition, call Blaise, 883-9981.

Misc: church pews, 2, used, in good condition, 6 feet long, oak and oak veneer, stained to a medium oak shade, great for using in a kitchen nook, will e-mail photo upon request, \$150 for pair, call Mike, 785-5318.

Free: rescued Husky, 2 years old, to a good home, call Tamara, 242-0055.

Vehicle: 1986 Corvette, removable top, red with red interior, automatic transmission, power windows, power seats, air conditioning, 57,000 miles, good rubber, great shape, never driven in snow, asking \$10,500, garage kept under cover, 722-0503.

Vehicle: 1990 Chevrolet Lumina APV minivan, good condition, seats 7, runs great, asking \$1,200, call Blaise, 883-9981.

Dryer: GE, gas, used 10 times, new house does not have gas, \$200 OBO, call Bryan, 561-3830.

Golf clubs: Ping G-2 irons, green dot, men’s regular steel shaft 5-6-7-8-9-pw-lw, asking \$125; Ping G-2 driver, reg flex shaft, asking \$100, make an offer, both like new condition, call Paul 814-1117.

Television: Sony 32-inch, LCD, w/remote, Energy Star, model #klv-s32a10, not HD, asking \$200; Vizio 22-inch, HDTV, LCD, w/remote, Energy Star, asking \$150, both work great, call Paul 814-1117.

Truck: 2005 Silver Birch Chevy Colorado Club Cab, 4-door, 4x4 w/custom cap, 32,000 miles, mint condition, garage kept, new tires, bed liner, chrome tubular running boards, sliding rear window, bug deflector, one owner, \$15,700, call Shelly, 344-8312.

House: must sell, moving to Florida, 5 miles from depot, 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, garage, wood stove, deck, \$124,900, call 977-5095.

Truck: 2005 Dodge Dakota SLT (club cab), two-wheel drive, 38,500 miles, bedliner, Tonneau cover, remaining power train warranty, excellent condition, one owner, \$11,500, call 842-2303.

Furniture: square bar/wine table with 4 bar stools, \$400, call 862-2975.

Stove: GE glass top electric stove, less than 2 years old, \$250, call Bill Gerrity, 351-2984.

Car mats: Honda CRV, brand new, \$70, 655-8207.

NEW SUPERVISORS

Michele Strausser is chief of the Surveillance/Threat Emitter Branch, Production Management Directorate.

She supervises employees responsible for managing the programs and funding for the AN/TPS-75 Radar System, AN/VPQ-1 Tactical Range Threat Generator, AN/MSQ-T43 Modular Threat Emitter, AN/MST-T1(A) Multiple Threat Emitter System (MUTES), and AN/MST-T1(V) Mini-MUTES.



Strausser

Prior to her current position, Strausser was a logistics management specialist in the same branch. She began her depot career in April 2001.

Strausser is a 1986 graduate of North Pocono High School in Moscow.

She is a member of the Hollisterville First Baptist Church. Her hobbies include riding and training her horses and football.

David Lynn is chief of the Command and Control Systems Branch, Command, Control and Computers (C3)/Avionics Directorate.

He supervises employees responsible for overhaul, repair, modification and total field packages for the AN/TYQ-23(V)5 Air Force Tactical Air Operations Module, AN/TYQ-23(V)4 Marine Tactical Air Operations Module, AN/TSC-147 Joint Tactical Information and Distribution System Module, and the Higher Authority Communications-Rapid Message Processing Element equipment. Employees also provide Modular Control Equipment Interface Group and Circuit Card Assembly support for the



Lynn

AN/TPS-75 Radar System shelters. In addition, the branch Resets the following equipment: AN/TSQ-232(V) Tactical Command System, Command Post Platform Rigid Wall Shelter, Motor Fire Control System Commander’s Interface, AN/TYQ-122 Battlefield Teleconference System, and OA09511/TYQ Bits Station, Switch Group Digital Data.

Prior to his current position, Lynn was chief of the Automated Test Equipment Repair Branch. He began his depot career in May 2000.

Lynn served four years in the Navy as a Fire Controlman. He completed two tours of duty in the Persian Gulf on board the USS O’Bannon DD-987. His duties included repairing and maintaining the NATO Sea Sparrow Missile System, Target Acquisition System Radar and Phalanx Close-In Weapon System. Lynn’s awards and decorations include the Navy Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, U.S. Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon, and Sea Service Ribbon.

Lynn is a 1981 graduate of Pottsville Area High School. In 1983, he earned an associate degree in specialized technology and machine shop practice from Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology in Lancaster. In 1998, he earned associate degrees in electronics engineering technology and automated manufacturing systems.

He is a member of the All Saints Roman Catholic Church in Plymouth, Knights of Columbus and American Legion Post 463.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

| Name | Title | Organization |
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| Jeffrey Cicci | Sheet metal worker | D/SIS |
| Adeline Gonzalez | Electronics digital computer mechanic | D/C3/Avionics |
| Glen Granville | Sheet metal worker | D/SIS |
| William Hittner | Electronics worker helper | CPAC |
| Jennifer Johnson | Human resources specialist | D/PE |
| Paul Mattioli | Sheet metal worker | D/SIS |
| Thomas Palmer | Sheet metal worker | D/SIS |
| Kim Sebert | Electronics mechanic | D/C3/Avionics |
| Robert Tonkin | Sheet metal worker | D/SIS |
| Tommy Woods | Equipment specialist, electronics | D/C3/Avionics |
| Rose Reppert | Human resources assistant | CPAC |
| John McCarthy | Electronics mechanic | D/Comm Sys |

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program begins Sept. 29. Sessions will be held 11:30 a.m. in the C3 conference room in Building 1A.

Cost is \$100 and a minimum of 15 people is required for each session. The program features diet information and group support, emphasizing positive changes for a healthy lifestyle. For more information, call Janine Yablonski, X57942.

Slogan submissions due Oct. 1

Tobyhanna will mark two major milestones in the next three years. 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the Army’s arrival in the Poconos and 2013 marks the 60th anniversary of the opening of Tobyhanna Signal Depot, predecessor to today’s Tobyhanna Army Depot.

A number of observances are being planned to commemorate these historical events. As part of

the observance, personnel are encouraged to submit suggestions for anniversary slogans. Submissions may be for the individual observances of 60 and 100 years, or a combined slogan. The deadline to submit ideas to the Public Affairs Office is Oct. 1. Send submissions to mail stop 5076 or via e-mail to kevin.toolan@us.army.mil.

Retirees plan breakfast

Tobyhanna retirees will meet for breakfast the first Tuesday of November at the Pioneer Dinner in Mount Pocono.

Shop sells golf passes

Golf passes for the Scranton Municipal, Pocono Manor, Pocono Farms and Mount Airy courses are available. For details, call X58851.

Logistics specialist no stranger to Gulf disaster response

by Jacqueline Boucher
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Gary Feathers arrived in Cocodrie, La., just days after Deepwater Horizon exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and causing millions of gallons of oil to leak into the Gulf of Mexico.

Feathers joined about 40 Coast Guardsmen, mostly reservists, to provide oversight and guidance for more than 900 emergency responders. He spent the next 60 days directing operations from the

small fishing community located two hours south of New Orleans.

The oil disaster has threatened the coast line throughout the Gulf region states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

"I was a Forward Observer for the incident command," said Feathers. "I would make sure everyone was doing their job, including BP, state and military agencies." Feathers is a Marine Safety Specialist Engineering (Engineer) who supports anything to do with the marine industry,

such as vessel inspection and pollution cleanup. He is a qualified federal on-scene coordinator/representative.

Feathers stated BP was running the operation and he was just enforcing the rules; making sure life and property were protected. At times, there were more than 1,400 people at his location performing beach cleanup, skimming operations and wildlife rescues, he said. Twelve-hour shifts were the norm.

"It was a great experience," Feathers said. "The people were great. Everyone was getting involved, from the local fishermen and residents to oil well specialists and wildlife experts."

While there, the 20-year veteran spent most of his time in a small boat, assessing what needed to be done to protect a chain of five islands. On average, the boat covered about 200 miles a day.

Rescue and cleanup efforts faced several challenges. One of the biggest was getting the booming [equipment] in for the island, according to Feathers. Resources were shipped from locations as far away as China.

"We have never in our history boomed this much property," Feathers said, adding that he



Gary Feathers, center background, and other emergency responders from the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, State of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, and boat captains hired by BP participate in a pre-departure briefing. (Courtesy photos)

would volunteer to go back if they needed him. "It was great to be able to help out. The teamwork was outstanding."

Feathers also responded days after Hurricane Katrina stuck New Orleans. "It was nice to see that things are returning to normal. The resiliency of the people there is phenomenal."

At Tobyhanna, Feathers is a logistics management specialist who works the Production Management Directorate's C3/FRA/Tactical Missile Branch.



A pelican captured off the coast of East Timbalier Island, La., was transported to the bird recovery team, treated and later released.



An ariel view of the Cocodrie marina, which was leased by BP as a main staging and operation site for the Terrebonne/Timbalier Bay, Gulf of Mexico, area of response. There was about 1,200 personnel working out of the marina involved with the spill. The majority of the response was made up of contractors, law-enforcement, health and safety, and marine research scientists.

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK, WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY
AND ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

The Army joins our Nation in observing National Suicide Prevention Week during 5 -11 September 2010, and World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2010. The Army will expand its observance to the entire month of September with "Shoulder to Shoulder: I will Never Quit on Life" as our theme for this year.

Suicide is one of the most tragic and unsettling events Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Families, the Army and the community can experience. One suicide is too many as suicide is a preventable cause of death. Public awareness and education of this problem along with treatment for suicide-related risk factors are the keys to preventing and reducing any further loss of life.

As a commitment to excellence in suicide prevention and intervention, the Army has implemented the Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention and the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program. Additionally, the Army has implemented the Army Study to Assess Risk and Resiliency in Servicemembers to address the comprehensive well-being for Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and Families.

Every Soldier, Department of the Army Civilian and Family member must play an integral role in preventing suicide. The Army is working to eliminate the stigma of suicide and to educate Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and Families about the risk factors and warning signs to reduce the rate of suicide in the Army. Every Noncommissioned Officer, first-line supervisor, Department of the Army Civilian and commander must have the moral courage to act and get the Soldier in crisis the help they need.

We urge all Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and Families to work together to prevent suicide and to raise their own awareness of tools and resources available to assist with preventing this tragedy. Together, we can make a difference.

Kenneth O. Preston
Sergeant Major of the Army

George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

John M. McHugh
Secretary of the Army

Depot observes POW/MIA Recognition Day

Col. Charles Gibson, depot commander, spoke to about 100 people who attended the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony Sept. 17 at the memorial site. "Today is our opportunity to honor a special group of heroes who endured captivity, and through their endurance, triumphed," Gibson said. "We also honor the home front heroes: the family members who watched their loved ones go off to war, then endured years and decades of uncertainty, some who endure even to this day. Let us always remember, let us always honor their heroism, their sacrifice and their service." Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer, and members of the Tobyhanna Army Depot Veterans Council, Rolling Thunder and Friends of the Forgotten, participated in the ceremony. During the ceremony, Rolling Thunder placed the wreath in memory of POW/MIAs and Friends of the Forgotten raised the flag. Les Sharp, council president, served as master of ceremonies for the event. (Photo by Tony Medici)



Just a pinch of spice

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) hosted the annual Chili Kick-off Contest on Sept. 14. Hundreds of employees tasted several chili recipes. Best chili 1st shift winners (most votes to least): Blue Devil Demise, Sidewinder Heatseeker Chili, Chili For The Recently Deceased and John Coffee's Awesome Chili. Best decorated 1st shift winners: Hillbilly Chili, Blue Devil Demise, Chili For The Recently Deceased and Blazing Saddles Chili. Fireman's Choice winners: 1st shift, Beaver Chili; 2nd shift, Too Hot To Trot Chili. Best Chili, 2nd and 3rd shifts: Uncle Spike's Famous Chili, Haz-Mat Chili, I Can't Believe It's Chili and Hooah Chili. Best Decorated winners, 2nd and 3rd shifts: Haz-Mat Chili, Recaps Revenge, Penn State Tailgate Chili and Paint Shops 2nd To None Chili. The winners will receive plaques at the end of the campaign. 1st shift sales included a hot dog / beverage sales (\$259), a basket raffle (\$797), CFC incentives (\$109), candy bars (\$30), bake sale (\$221) and a 50-50 (three winners earned \$500 each). 2nd shift sales included a bake sale/candy/beverages (\$91), CFC incentives (\$72), basket raffle (\$165) and a 50-50 raffle (three winners earned \$225 each) for a combined amount of about \$2,500 from the three shifts. This year's slogan is "Helpful Hearts in Hard Times" and the campaign goal is \$240,000. To donate, employees simply fill out a pledge card for a one-time donation or payroll deduction. Key persons will be available to answer questions. The CFC 2010 link to further information and updates is available on the Tobyhanna intranet. Upcoming events include a hoagie sale on Tuesday. (Photos by Steve Grzedzinski)



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to remind the audience how far communications have come since the fort's inception in 1917.

In his remarks, Thomas alluded to the CECOM history lesson provided by the narrator. He said the legacy of Fort Monmouth is in better technologies for warfighters but added there's more to it than that.

"You know, in the end, it's all about the people --the generations of engineers and scientists, logisticians, contractors and staff who have worked here over the years and the great leaders who inspired us everyday," Thomas said.

He went on to say a few words of praise about each of the former commanders and former program executive officer partners present. Thomas also acknowledged the presence of Nancy Mallette, the widow of former CECOM Commander Lt. Gen. Alfred J. Mallette, lauding his leadership while he served here.

Thomas noted that while it's appropriate to reminisce about the past and all the technological achievements at Fort Monmouth, it's also time to look to the future.

"This flag casing symbolizes the beginning of a bold new endeavor and adventure as we near the completion of our transition of CECOM and our C4ISR partner organizations to Aberdeen Proving Ground," he said.

Following Thomas's remarks, Strong and Johnson cased the colors in an olive-drab canvas sheath. Addressing the audience immediately afterward, Strong compared casing the colors to the passing of the guidon from one commander to another during a change-of-command ceremony.

He said the flag-casing ceremony symbolized continuity of command, mission, vision, people and purpose. "Clearly, that [CECOM] flag is more than just cloth," Strong said. "It is a symbol that represents the blood, sweat and yes, tears, and the tremendous accomplishments over many years of the highly dedicated Fort Monmouth workforce."

Strong added that a new chapter of the CECOM story is now beginning.

"But, even as we turn the page on this final chapter of our story at Fort Monmouth, we know we will always look back with pride, and, yes, with some nostalgia on our days of glory here," Strong said.



Tobyhanna rolls out red carpet for Fort Bliss Soldiers

Janelle Laurenzo, Electro Optics/Night Vision Division chief, briefs members of the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, Texas, about the depot's mission to support electro optics and night vision equipment. She provided an overview of the Communications Electronics Evaluation Repair Team mission and the mission to repair, reset, overhaul and modify equipment such as the Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System, Improved Bradley Acquisition System, Drivers Viewer Enhanced and AN/PVS-14 Goggles. From left, Capt. Clarence Blackburn, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Perry Cannon, Chief Warrant Officer 4 David Williams, Capt. Brian Jones and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Glen Martin. About 50 Soldiers toured this and several other facilities to learn more about the depot's logistics and repair capabilities. They also stopped by the Depot Maintenance of the Future facility to view 3-D models of electronics parts on a projector screen. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Tom Green, 32nd AAMDC's chief war readiness specialist, said the Soldiers now understand that they have alternative resources that can increase their readiness with the weapons systems they use. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)